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- The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Puetnitz airfield between 3 August and 1 October 1954:

3 August. MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s practiced flying in elements of two. Two elements were observed between 1000 and 1200 and 10 elements between 1600 and 1800.

5 August. Between 0930 and 1100, take-offs were made by three individual jet fighters and two elements of two. Between 1600 and 1800, five take-offs were performed by elements of two jet fighters.

7 August. Air activity was heard but no details could be identified.

9 to 11 August. No aircraft were seen aloft.

12 August. Between 1600 and 1900, a MIG-15 towing a sleeve target and three elements of two jet fighters took off.

14 August. Seven individual jet fighters took off between 0830 and 0930.

17 August. Five individual take-offs were made by jet fighters between 0800 and 0840 and take-offs in elements of two were performed between 0930 and 1110.

19 August. Three MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s individually took off between 0810 and 0835.

20 August. One MIG-15 or U-MIG-15 was seen taking off.

21 to 23 August. No air activity was observed. The weather was unfavorable.

24 August. Between 0815 and 1200, eight individual take-offs were made by jet fighters and 13 take-offs in elements of two. At 0832, a formation of 12 jet fighters crossed over the field heading northeast. At 0845, another formation of 14 aircraft crossed, flying in the same direction. A third formation of eight jet fighters was observed at 0855. The three formations flew at an altitude of about 4,000 meters. Beginning at 0930, the aircraft of these formation landed individually. During the afternoon beginning at 1330, the same air activity was observed as during the morning.

13 September. Between 1925 and 2123, 19 take-offs were made by MIG-15s or U-MIG-15s with set position lights. The first aircraft landed at 1940 and the last at 2158.

1 October. A Li-2 crossed over the field flying from east to west. 1
- Between 1700 and 1900 on 4 September, firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced along the Baltic Sea coast not far from Wustrow, near Riknitz, on the Darss. The jet fighter which towed the sleeve target flew parallel to the sea-shore, shuttling in southwest and northeast direction. The attacks were made by jet fighters flying in elements of two. The front plane attacked the first, approaching lateral from the right upper side and giving a short burst of

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fire which could not be seen. Subsequently, the plane flew under the towing aircraft and pulled off. While the second aircraft attacked in the same way, the first plane regained its firing position. Each element approached 3 times. While the first element fired, the next element flew parallel to the sleeve target.

Comment. It is believed that Puetnitz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. The observed air activity including flying in large formations corresponds with the status of training during the fall of the preceding years.

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